



New Internationalist
The people, the ideas, the action in the fight for global justice

FOOD FOR THE WORLD

New Internationalist Easier English
Ready Intermediate Lesson

Today's lesson:

Speaking
Vocabulary
Reading
Writing

Discuss in groups:

Make a list of the 5 biggest problems with food in the world



What are they doing?



Discuss these words and phrases and divide them into positive and negative:

hybrid

seed exchange

indigenous

GM technology

traditional farming

pest-resistant

malnutrition

cash crops

food sovereignty

agribusiness

weeds

starving children

patent

small scale farms

nutritious food

campaigners / activists

Reading 1 (scanning)

http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/%22Seeds_of_change%22_-_fighting_against_global_hunger

1. What are the 2 countries in the article?
2. How many people are starving in the world?
3. How much food do we waste in the world?
4. How much control do the 10 biggest seed companies have?

Reading 2 (read for detail)

http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/%22Seeds_of_change%22_-_fighting_against_global_hunger

True or false?

1. Karen agrees with GM technology.
2. Bolivia has had GM crops for a long time.
3. Traditional farming can improve seeds.
4. The best way to stop hunger is to use GM crops.
5. Seed exchanges can help poor people.
6. Giving money to charity helps stop poverty.
7. If Bolivia exports soya, they will get rich.

In groups, write a letter to the President of Bolivia

Dear President of Bolivia,

We have just read about Bolivia allowing GM technology. But is this good for Bolivians?

We think

Homework:

Now read the original article:

<http://newint.org/features/web-exclusive/2013/08/27/food-sovereignty-seeds/>

This one is more difficult, but
you can compare it with the
Easier English one you've read
– and learn lots of new
words and phrases



More articles about food from *Easier English New Internationalist* wiki:
Read the Easier English article first, then
click on the original at the bottom and
read that to learn more vocabulary:

GM crops:

[http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Is_there_a_place_for_genetically_modified_\(GM\)_crops_in_a_sustainable_future%3F](http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Is_there_a_place_for_genetically_modified_(GM)_crops_in_a_sustainable_future%3F)

Think about food:

http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Time_to_think_again_about_food

Banks and food:

http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Barclays_ends_food_speculation

Mexico: “No” to Monsanto:

http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Mexico_says_no_to_Monsanto

Grow food for people, not cars:

http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Food_should_be_for_people,_not_cars

